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## INTRODUCTION

This report presents summary information on the current status of pelagic fisheries in American Samoa, Guam, Hawaii, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI). The pelagic management unit species (PMUS) comprise various marlins and other billfish, mahimahi, ono (wahoo), and sharks, which are managed by a fishery management plan (FMP) prepared by the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council (Council). Also included in this report is information on the major tuna species in the region. Information is presented on 1) the small-scale fisheries in American Samoa, Guam, and the CNMI for PMUS and tunas; 2) the by-catch of the foreign longline fisheries supporting tuna canneries in American Samoa; and 3) Hawaii's larger commercial fisheries for PMUS and tunas. All information is based on commercial landings. Although recreational and subsistence fisheries are important in the western Pacific and may comprise a larger percentage of the actual total landings of some pelagic species than the commercial catch, availability of these data is either limited (Guam) or nonexistent (American Samoa, Hawaii, and the CNMI).

This report serves as a "module" to an annual report on these fisheries that is prepared by the Council's PMUS Plan Monitoring Team. Information on the biological status of PMUS will be included in a separate module, which contains the scientific names of relevant species. This report provides only the common names for fishes. Most of the information for American Samoa, Guam, and the CNMI comes from the Western Pacific Fishery Information Network (WPACFIN) (Hamm and Quach 1989). Each of these areas has a separate module in the PMUS annual report, which discusses the fisheries much more fully. Data are presented in pounds throughout this report, which is the industry and local government standard in the western Pacific (1 pound is 0.45 kilogram; 1 kilogram is 2.2 pounds).

### DOMESTIC PELAGIC FISHERIES OF AMERICAN SAMOA, GUAM, AND THE CNMI

The pelagic fisheries of American Samoa, Guam, and the CNMI continue to show substantial annual variability. Commercial landings are subject to a number of factors; central among these factors are the biological and environmental conditions, the development of domestic and export markets for locally caught fish, and alternative employment opportunities for fishermen. Guam has shown the most sustained increase in PMUS landings, whereas American Samoa and the CNMI have shown little growth in PMUS landings since 1982. Tuna landings from the latter two areas have grown since 1982, but Guam's landings have not. Data from WPACFIN reports for 1982-87 are summarized in Tables 1-3. Interpretation of trends (Fig. 1) should be made cautiously, according to the provisos raised in the original WPACFIN reference reports. Average prices for PMUS are relatively low in all three areas, except for Guam, where mahimahi, ono, and yellowfin tuna have become significant export species (Table 4).

## FISHERIES SUPPORTING CANNERIES IN AMERICAN SAMOA

American Samoa has two canneries, which receive fish from three major sources: U.S. tuna purse seiners fishing for skipjack tuna (with a substantial by-catch of yellowfin tuna), U.S. albacore trollers fishing seasonally in the South Pacific, and foreign tuna longliners concentrating on albacore. Information on the PMUS by-catch of the foreign longline fishery is provided by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), which has a sampling program in American Samoa (Ito and Yamasaki 1988). The data are compiled by date of capture from voluntary logbooks carried by the foreign longline fishery. Date of capture rather than the date of landing is used to avoid disclosing confidential cannery information. Data are only available through 1987 because of the length of longline trips and data processing requirements.

In 1987, the foreign longline fleet based in American Samoa consisted of 128 vessels (326 trips). Most of the vessels were of Taiwanese and South Korean nationality with one vessel from Tonga. Twenty-five longliners (51 trips) also off-loaded a small proportion of their by-catch sashimi to the canneries. Most of the catch of the sashimi vessels was transshipped from American Samoa and sold as fresh-frozen fish.

Foreign longline landings increased from 29,300 metric tons (t) in 1986 to 37,800 t in 1987. Albacore comprised 72.4% of the catch in 1987, followed by yellowfin tuna (11.9%) and bigeye tuna (5.2%) (Table 5). Miscellaneous species represented 10.6% of the catch--PMUS comprised 6.7% of total catch (Fig. 2). Blue marlin was the largest individual component of the by-catch equaling 5.0% of the total catch. Other PMUS were negligible. A substantial domestic industry has developed in American Samoa; various PMUS and other species landed by the foreign longliners but not destined for the canneries are filleted and exported to Hawaii and the U.S. mainland.

Tuna are transshipped through Guam and Tinian in the CNMI by U.S. and foreign purse seine vessels and by foreign longline tuna vessels, but up-to-date data are not available on these operations. At various times, problems have arisen from the domestic sales of the PMUS by-catch from these vessels, but the extent of these sales is not known.

## HAWAII'S PELAGIC FISHERIES

The recent, dramatic changes in Hawaii's pelagic fisheries continued in 1988 with the explosion of interest in tuna longlining. The number of tuna longliners operating in Hawaii rose from 37 in 1985 to 50 in 1988, with more arriving throughout the first half of 1989 (the figure stood at 65 at the end of the first quarter). Most of these vessels are targeting bigeye tuna with an eye toward the Japanese export market, but some vessels are targeting PMUS, e.g., swordfish. Coincident with the expansion of the domestic longline fleet, local wholesale fish distributors have begun experimenting with the transshipment and sale of fresh fish, which are caught by foreign longline fishing vessels operating in the waters around

Hawaii. Together these two developments have raised the public's awareness of Hawaii's pelagic fisheries, with substantial concern on the part of local recreational and sportfishers, and small-scale commercial fishers.

#### Data Sources and Problems

Our estimates of Hawaii's pelagic landings are derived from the NMFS shoreside monitoring program, which samples fish sold in Hawaii's fresh fish markets. From this monitoring program, it is possible to estimate commercial landings of many pelagic species--especially landings by the major commercial fleets--independently of the State of Hawaii's commercial landings reporting system. However, the monitoring program covers only a portion of the entire market (with most information derived from Oahu and the Big Island) and consists of a nonrandom sample, not a census, of these markets. The sample data are "scaled" to market-wide quantities through raising factors, which range from 1.1 to 2.0. These factors were applied consistently to the 2 years (1987 and 1988) for which we have complete pelagic data. Even though the market structure has been changing in this period, we do not have a recent statistical base on which to verify our raising factors. Therefore, these estimates must be considered provisional and used with care.

Data from the Hawaii Division of Aquatic Resources (HDAR) for commercial fish landings were unavailable for 1988 at the time of this report's preparation. There is considerable concern that the HDAR data severely undercount Hawaii's landings, as can be seen by comparing HDAR records of total longline landings of PMUS for 1987 (350,000 pounds) with our estimate (3.3 million pounds) or the HDAR figure for bigeye tuna (204,400 pounds) with our estimate (1.9 million pounds). In neither case is there any question of our raising factors being excessive.

#### Estimates

Our estimate of Hawaii's pelagic landings in 1988 is outlined in Table 6. We estimate that PMUS landings reached 3.8 million pounds in 1988, valued at \$5.8 million (Fig. 3). This represents a 15% increase in landings (by weight) but, because of lower prices and a change in species composition (Table 7), only a 2% increase in value. (Apparently 1988 was a poor year for mahimahi landings in Hawaii.) Tuna landings increased 31% to 12 million pounds valued at \$23.2 million (up 32% in value); excluding skipjack tuna, landings increased 39% or 7.7 million pounds. Bigeye tuna, the focus of the longline tuna fleet expansion, increased in landings by 60%.

In terms of fleet activity, longline fishing grew substantially in 1988, with longline landings (including tunas) up 73% from our 1987 estimate (Table 8). We estimate that longline trips increased from 435 in 1987 to 627 in 1988. Landings from the trolling and handline fisheries for tunas were static (Fig. 4), falling 4% in 1988. The decline in these fisheries was due to a decline in mahimahi landings (Fig. 5). The majority

of the PMUS were landed by vessels using longline and trolling gear (Fig. 6A), whereas the majority of the tunas were landed by longline and other types of gear (Fig. 6B). Landings by other types of gear include those from distant-water trollers, the aku (skipjack tuna) boat fleet, and the various fleets in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands (primarily bottom fish and lobster). Gear shares for individual PMUS species and tunas are shown in Figures 6C and 6D, respectively.

Trolling gear caught the vast majority of the blue marlin and mahimahi, whereas longline gear caught most of the striped marlin in 1988. Similar differences existed for yellowfin and bigeye tunas. Species composition of catches by trolling and handline gear is estimated using State of Hawaii gear shares for 1987, because the NMFS sampling program does not provide a good basis for distinguishing between these two gear types. Vessels using longline gear caught mostly tunas (bigeye, yellowfin, and albacore) while handliners concentrated on yellowfin tuna (Fig. 7). Trollers landed a wide variety of species, with yellowfin tuna and blue marlin being the largest components.

Prices for pelagic species in 1988 were not much different from those in 1987 (Fig. 8). In general, the trolling and handline prices were better for the PMUS group, while longline landings claimed the higher prices for tunas (Table 9).

#### HAWAII'S IMPORTS

The NMFS Southwest Region Market News Service provides annual summaries of Hawaii's imports of fishery products. The data are compiled from the inspection program of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. These data provide a more complete species breakdown of fishery data than do the data from U.S. Customs, but they are incomplete because not all lots are sampled or are available for tabulation. These data do not include imported seafood products that are shipped to Hawaii from other U.S. Customs districts, such as Los Angeles. Some imports may be transshipped from Hawaii to other U.S. locations.

Imports of PMUS to Hawaii were slightly higher in 1988 (3.15 million pounds, independent of product form) than in 1987, but less than in 1985 and 1986 (Fig. 9). Most of these imports were frozen mahimahi fillets; however, in 1988, over 500,000 pounds of ono (wahoo) in the round were imported to Hawaii in 1988 (Table 10).

The NMFS Market News does not provide prices for imported seafood. However, if the NMFS wholesale seafood market monitoring program's average price for imported pelagic species (in the round) is applied, then the 1988 imports of round-weight PMUS would be worth approximately \$1.5 million and tuna imports would be \$2.7 million. The value of filleted and other product forms is not known.

## RESEARCH

Two studies were reported on the fishing operations, markets, and economics of pelagic species in 1989. One is a study of the operations and economics of small boat fishing in American Samoa, Guam, and the CNMI. The study is based on a cooperative survey facilitated by the Council and conducted by agencies in each region. The data have been compiled into a preliminary report (Kasaoka 1989), and will be analyzed later this year. The second study (Kawamoto et al. 1989) conducted by NMFS Honolulu Laboratory researchers, is on the operations of Hawaii's longline fishing fleet in 1987-88. It outlines the history of the longline fishery, describes the types of gear used historically and recently, and provides data on fleet activity and landings obtained from the NMFS shoreside monitoring program.

Two planned studies concerning pelagic fisheries did not get off the ground in 1988. First, a survey of Hawaii's wholesale and retail seafood market channels was expected to be conducted this year through the NMFS Honolulu Laboratory. However, because of delays in contractual and survey approvals, the project has been postponed until 1990. Results from this survey should reveal how Hawaii's seafood market has changed over the past 10 years. Second, the Council and the HDAR, with the assistance of NMFS, have been working on the design for a survey of small boat fisheries in Hawaii to provide better estimates of part-time commercial, recreational, and subsistence catches. The HDAR has funds from NMFS to field this survey for 1 year, which is expected to begin early in 1990. Results from this survey should provide a better idea of the relative importance of the commercial data used in existing status reports or pelagic species.

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Table 1.--Pelagic species commercial landings in American Samoa, 1982-87  
(from WPACFIN data (Hamm and Quach 1989)).

| Pounds landed                          |                              |        |        |         | Revenue<br>(US\$)<br>1987 |         |         |         |                 |
|--|------------------------------|--------|--------|---------|---------------------------|---------|---------|---------|-----------------|
| Common name                            | 5-year<br>average<br>1982-86 | 1982   | 1983   | 1984    | 1985                      | 1986    | 1987    | Total   | Price/<br>pound |
| Pelagic management unit species (PMUS) |                              |        |        |         |                           |         |         |         |                 |
| Swordfish                              | 33                           | 0      | 0      | 0       | 163                       | 0       | 0       |         | NA              |
| Blue marlin                            | 2,807                        | 315    | 1,083  | 5,675   | 2,790                     | 4,171   | 233     | 186     | 0.80            |
| Sailfish                               | 808                          | 127    | 74     | 989     | 2,744                     | 107     | 1,153   | 1,153   | 1.00            |
| Marlin                                 | 0                            |        | 0      | 0       | 0                         | 0       | 0       |         | NA              |
| Marlins                                | 3,648                        | 442    | 1,157  | 6,664   | 5,697                     | 4,278   | 1,386   | 1,339   | 0.97            |
| Sharks                                 | 565                          | 45     | 293    | 723     | 1,026                     | 738     | 0       | 0       | NA              |
| Rainbow runner                         | 746                          | 24     | 655    | 2,305   | 558                       | 190     | 19      | 15      | 0.79            |
| Wahoo                                  | 1,410                        | 113    | 632    | 1,637   | 2,357                     | 2,311   | 1,419   | 1,988   | 1.40            |
| Mahimahi                               | 4,355                        | 745    | 1,442  | 1,807   | 7,394                     | 10,388  | 2,445   | 3,023   | 1.24            |
| Total PMUS                             | 10,724                       | 1,369  | 4,179  | 13,136  | 17,032                    | 17,905  | 5,269   | 6,365   | 1.21            |
| Tunas                                  |                              |        |        |         |                           |         |         |         |                 |
| Skipjack tuna                          | 68,040                       | 15,005 | 54,841 | 114,926 | 35,236                    | 120,194 | 104,974 | 74,325  | 0.71            |
| Dogtooth tuna                          | 1,393                        | 170    | 917    | 2,627   | 974                       | 2,278   | 1,340   | 1,337   | 1.00            |
| Yellowfin tuna                         | 33,698                       | 6,933  | 18,956 | 58,609  | 35,707                    | 48,283  | 30,522  | 39,207  | 1.28            |
| Bigeye tuna                            | 706                          | 0      | 0      | 0       | 3,528                     | 0       | 0       | 0       | NA              |
| Kawakawa                               | 480                          | 109    | 368    | 769     | 1,125                     | 29      | 127     | 127     | 1.00            |
| Albacore                               | 14,031                       |        | 10,904 | 20,390  | 24,831                    | 0       | 0       | 0       | NA              |
| Tuna (other)                           | 4                            | 18     | 0      | 0       | 0                         | 0       | 0       | 0       | NA              |
| Total tuna                             | 115,545                      | 22,235 | 85,986 | 197,321 | 101,401                   | 170,784 | 136,963 | 114,996 | 0.84            |

Table 2.--Pelagic species landings in Guam, 1982-87 (from Hamm and Quach 1989).

| Common name    | Pounds landed                          |         |        |         |         |         |        | Revenue<br>(US\$)<br>1987 |                 |
|----------------|--|---------|--------|---------|---------|---------|--------|---------------------------|-----------------|
|                | 5-year<br>average<br>1982-86           | 1982    | 1983   | 1984    | 1985    | 1986    | 1987   | Total                     | Price/<br>pound |
|                | Pelagic management unit species (PMUS) |         |        |         |         |         |        |                           |                 |
| Swordfish      | 0                                      | 0       | 0      | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0      | 0                         | NA              |
| Blue marlin    | 0                                      | 0       | 0      | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0      | 0                         | NA              |
| Sailfish       | 397                                    | 244     | 0      | 426     | 354     | 959     | 1,247  | 1,221                     | 0.98            |
| Marlin         | 20,541                                 | 13,634  | 654    | 29,905  | 20,581  | 37,930  | 34,779 | 29,612                    | 0.85            |
| Marlins        | 20,937                                 | 13,878  | 654    | 30,331  | 20,935  | 38,889  | 36,026 | 30,833                    | 0.86            |
| Sharks         | 528                                    | 1,130   | 257    | 521     | 237     | 493     | 862    | 431                       | 0.50            |
| Rainbow runner | 549                                    | 398     | 68     | 584     | 816     | 878     | 510    | 771                       | 1.51            |
| Wahoo          | 32,617                                 | 14,479  | 3,585  | 40,969  | 65,040  | 39,012  | 45,548 | 79,285                    | 1.74            |
| Mahimahi       | 35,409                                 | 34,118  | 13,518 | 20,336  | 45,828  | 63,244  | 46,886 | 74,610                    | 1.59            |
| Total PMUS     | 90,040                                 | 164,003 | 18,082 | 92,741  | 132,856 | 142,516 | 29,832 | 185,930                   | 1.43            |
| Tunas          |  |         |        |         |         |         |        |                           |                 |
| Skipjack tuna  | 28,247                                 | 30,384  | 2,658  | 57,328  | 26,724  | 24,143  | 17,137 | 17,085                    | 1.00            |
| Dogtooth tuna  | 3,452                                  | 2,354   | 165    | 3,438   | 5,980   | 5,322   | 2,521  | 3,321                     | 1.32            |
| Yellowfin tuna | 28,732                                 | 30,722  | 1,328  | 39,441  | 44,395  | 27,775  | 40,466 | 69,028                    | 1.71            |
| Bigeye tuna    | 0                                      | 0       | 0      | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0      | 0                         | NA              |
| Kawakawa       | 1                                      | 0       | 0      | 0       | 5       | 0       | 0      | 0                         | NA              |
| Albacore       | 0                                      | 0       | 0      | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0      | 0                         | NA              |
| Tuna (other)   | 91                                     | 387     | 30     | 40      | 0       | 0       | 0      | 0                         | NA              |
| Total tuna     | 60,524                                 | 63,847  | 4,181  | 100,247 | 77,104  | 57,240  | 60,124 | 89,434                    | 1.49            |

Table 3.--Pelagic species landings in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, 1982-87 (from Hamm and Quach 1989).

| Common name    | Pounds landed                          |        |         |         |         |         |         | Revenue<br>(US\$)<br>1987 |                 |
|----------------|--|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------------------------|-----------------|
|                | 5-year<br>average<br>1982-86           | 1982   | 1983    | 1984    | 1985    | 1986    | 1987    | Total                     | Price/<br>pound |
|                | Pelagic management unit species (PMUS) |        |         |         |         |         |         |                           |                 |
| Swordfish      | 0                                      | 0      | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0                         | NA              |
| Blue marlin    | 0                                      | 0      | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0                         | NA              |
| Sailfish       | 50                                     | 0      | 47      |         | 61      | 91      | 67      | 107                       | 1.60            |
| Marlin         | 1,577                                  | 10     | 3,029   | 1,235   | 1,488   | 2,123   | 1,968   | 2,230                     | 1.13            |
| Marlins        | 1,617                                  | 10     | 3,076   | 1,235   | 1,549   | 2,214   | 2,035   | 2,337                     | 1.15            |
| Sharks         | 30                                     | 30     |         |         |         |         |         |                           | NA              |
| Rainbow runner | 1,130                                  | 3,136  | 818     | 527     | 516     | 654     | 526     | 683                       | 1.30            |
| Wahoo          | 9,250                                  | 6,123  | 7,008   | 11,269  | 14,600  | 7,250   | 10,722  | 13,581                    | 1.27            |
| Mahimahi       | 10,861                                 | 12,468 | 11,150  | 6,090   | 10,363  | 14,236  | 7,601   | 9,955                     | 1.31            |
| Total PMUS     | 22,864                                 | 21,767 | 22,052  | 19,121  | 27,028  | 24,354  | 20,884  | 26,556                    | 1.27            |
|                | Tunas                                  |        |         |         |         |         |         |                           |                 |
| Skipjack tuna  | 158,004                                | 65,220 | 146,729 | 232,674 | 141,909 | 203,489 | 129,203 | 145,197                   | 1.12            |
| Dogtooth tuna  | 3,253                                  | 6,104  | 1,846   | 2,627   | 2,590   | 3,099   | 5,106   | 6,457                     | 1.26            |
| Yellowfin tuna | 12,930                                 | 8,456  | 17,024  | 15,664  | 9,972   | 13,533  | 8,362   | 11,436                    | 1.37            |
| Bigeye         | 0                                      | 0      | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0                         | NA              |
| Kawakawa       | 0                                      | 0      | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0                         | NA              |
| Albacore       | 0                                      | 0      | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0                         | NA              |
| Tuna (other)   | 81                                     | 405    | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0                         | NA              |
| Total tuna     | 174,268                                | 80,185 | 165,599 | 250,965 | 154,471 | 220,121 | 142,671 | 163,090                   | 1.14            |

Table 4.--Pelagic species prices in American Samoa, Guam, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), 1987 (from Hamm and Quach 1989).

| Common name    | Price (US\$) per pound |      |      |
|----------------|------------------------|------|------|
|                | American Samoa         | Guam | CNMI |
| Marlins        | 0.97                   | 0.86 | 1.15 |
| Mahimahi       | 1.24                   | 1.59 | 1.31 |
| Ono (wahoo)    | 1.40                   | 1.74 | 1.27 |
| Total PMUS     | 1.21                   | 1.43 | 1.27 |
| Skipjack tuna  | 0.71                   | 1.00 | 1.12 |
| Yellowfin tuna | 1.28                   | 1.71 | 1.37 |
| Total tunas    | 0.84                   | 1.49 | 1.14 |

Table 5.--American Samoa foreign longline fleet species composition, 1982-87. Data are from the NMFS monitoring program in American Samoa, based on date of capture.

| Common name    | 5-year<br>average<br>1982-86 | Percent of total |       |      |      |        |       |
|----------------|------------------------------|------------------|-------|------|------|--------|-------|
|                |                              | 1982             | 1983  | 1984 | 1985 | 1986   | 1987  |
| Albacore       | 70.42                        | 70.4             | 66.8  | 61.7 | 71.6 | 81.6   | 72.4  |
| Yellowfin tuna | 15.74                        | 12.7             | 18.1  | 21.7 | 14.7 | 11.5   | 11.9  |
| Bigeye tuna    | 8.84                         | 9.6              | 10.9  | 10.8 | 7.9  | 5      | 5.2   |
| Billfish       | 2.84                         | 4.7              | 2.8   | 2.7  | 4    | 0      | 6.7   |
| Other          | 2.16                         | 2.7              | 1.5   | 3    | 1.7  | 1.9    | 3.8   |
| Total          | 100.00                       | 100.1            | 100.1 | 99.9 | 99.9 | 100.00 | 100.0 |

Table 6.--Hawaii's pelagic species market, 1987-88. Data are estimates from NMFS shoreside monitoring. Imports do not include transshipments from U.S. mainland.

| Source                                 | Landings<br>(1,000's pounds) |        | Market revenue<br>(US\$1,000's) |        |
|--|------------------------------|--------|---------------------------------|--------|
|  | 1987                         | 1988   | 1987                            | 1988   |
| Pelagic management unit species (PMUS) |                              |        |                                 |        |
| Hawaii landings                        | 3,330                        | 3,840  | 5,710                           | 5,820  |
| Imports (round)                        | 690                          | 530    | 1,690                           | 1,470  |
| Total PMUS                             | 4,020                        | 4,370  | 7,400                           | 7,290  |
| Tunas                                  |                              |        |                                 |        |
| Hawaii landings                        | 9,300                        | 12,190 | 17,500                          | 23,210 |
| Imports (round)                        | 960                          | 950    | 1,834                           | 2,730  |
| Total tunas                            | 10,260                       | 13,140 | 19,334                          | 25,940 |
| Totals                                 |                              |        |                                 |        |
| Total Hawaii pelagics                  | 12,630                       | 16,030 | 23,210                          | 29,030 |
| (excluding aku)                        | 8,940                        | 11,610 | 19,007                          | 24,149 |
| Total pelagic imports                  | 1,650                        | 1,480  | 3,524                           | 4,200  |
| Total                                  | 14,280                       | 17,510 | 26,734                          | 33,230 |

Table 7.--Species composition and revenue of pelagic species landed in Hawaii, 1987-88. Estimates are based on the shoreside monitoring program of the National Marine Fisheries Service.

| Common name                                   | Landings by species<br>(in 1,000 pounds) |               | Revenue<br>(US\$1,000's) |               |
|---|--|---------------|--------------------------|---------------|
|   | 1987                                     | 1988          | 1987                     | 1988          |
| <b>Pelagic management unit species (PMUS)</b> |  |               |                          |               |
| Blue marlin                                   | 951                                      | 1,023         | 892                      | 854           |
| Striped marlin                                | 691                                      | 1,349         | 947                      | 1,472         |
| Other billfish                                | 208                                      | 342           | 523                      | 473           |
| Mahimahi                                      | 1,023                                    | 565           | 2,253                    | 1,715         |
| Ono (wahoo)                                   | 411                                      | 445           | 1,024                    | 1,185         |
| Other PMUS                                    | 47                                       | 120           | 68                       | 124           |
| Other pelagics<br>(excluding tunas)           | 183                                      | 233           | 316                      | 328           |
| <b>Total PMUS</b>                             | <b>3,331</b>                             | <b>3,844</b>  | <b>5,707</b>             | <b>5,823</b>  |
| <b>Tunas</b>                                  |  |               |                          |               |
| Bigeye tuna                                   | 1,903                                    | 3,062         | 6,769                    | 9,773         |
| Yellowfin tuna                                | 3,358                                    | 3,995         | 5,965                    | 7,593         |
| Albacore tuna                                 | 337                                      | 706           | 544                      | 955           |
| Skipjack tuna                                 | 3,694                                    | 4,422         | 4,203                    | 4,881         |
| Other tunas                                   | 12                                       | 7             | 22                       | 8             |
| <b>Total tunas</b>                            | <b>9,304</b>                             | <b>12,192</b> | <b>17,503</b>            | <b>23,210</b> |

Table 8.--Hawaii pelagic landings (in 1,000 pounds) by gear type, 1987-88.  
Estimates are based on the shoreside monitoring program of the National Marine Fisheries Service.

|  | 1987 landings |          |                       |       | 1988 landings |          |                       |       |
|--|---------------|----------|-----------------------|-------|---------------|----------|-----------------------|-------|
|  | Total         | Longline | Troll and<br>handline | Other | Total         | Longline | Troll and<br>handline | Other |
| Pelagic management unit species (PMUS) |               |          |                       |       |               |          |                       |       |
| Blue marlin                            | 951           | 112      | 836                   | 3     | 1,023         | 226      | 794                   | 3     |
| Striped marlin                         | 691           | 598      | 93                    | 0     | 1,349         | 1,112    | 235                   | 2     |
| Other billfish                         | 208           | 152      | 55                    | 1     | 342           | 205      | 137                   | 0     |
| Mahimahi                               | 1,023         | 46       | 956                   | 21    | 565           | 39       | 518                   | 8     |
| Ono (wahoo)                            | 411           | 53       | 265                   | 93    | 445           | 90       | 247                   | 108   |
| Other PMUS                             | 47            | 43       | 4                     | 0     | 120           | 95       | 24                    | 1     |
| Other pelagics<br>(excluding tunas)    | 183           | 182      | 1                     | 0     | 233           | 224      | 8                     | 1     |
|  |               |          |                       |       |               |          |                       | 0     |
| Total PMUS                             | 3,331         | 1,004    | 2,209                 | 118   | 3,844         | 1,767    | 1,955                 | 122   |
| Tunas                                  |               |          |                       |       |               |          |                       |       |
| Bigeye tuna                            | 1,903         | 1,793    | 96                    | 14    | 3,062         | 2,738    | 321                   | 3     |
| Yellowfin tuna                         | 3,358         | 583      | 2,741                 | 34    | 3,995         | 1,312    | 2,382                 | 301   |
| Albacore                               | 337           | 328      | 9                     | 0     | 706           | 678      | 27                    | 1     |
| Skipjack tuna                          | 3,694         | 3        | 209                   | 3,482 | 4,422         | 15       | 366                   | 4,041 |
| Other tunas                            | 12            | 0        | 11                    | 1     | 7             | 0        | 6                     | 1     |
| Total tunas                            | 9,304         | 2,707    | 3,066                 | 3,531 | 12,192        | 4,743    | 3,102                 | 4,347 |

Table 9.--Hawaii pelagic species prices, 1988 (price in US\$ per pound, ex-vessel). Market includes imports (in round) and landings by unspecified gear types.

| Common name                            | Market | Longline | Trolling and<br>handline |
|--|--------|----------|--------------------------|
| Pelagic management unit species (PMUS) |        |          |                          |
| Blue marlin                            | 0.90   | 0.85     | 0.92                     |
| Striped marlin                         | 1.11   | 1.08     | 1.23                     |
| Other billfish                         | 1.41   | 2.02     | 0.45                     |
| Mahimahi                               | 3.18   | 2.79     | 3.23                     |
| Ono (wahoo)                            | 2.77   | 2.69     | 2.77                     |
| Other PMUS                             | 1.05   | 1.08     | 0.87                     |
| Imports                                | 1.12   | NA       | NA                       |
| Total PMUS                             | 1.74   | 1.29     | 1.68                     |
| Tunas                                  |        |          |                          |
| Bigeye tuna                            | 3.23   | 3.35     | 1.94                     |
| Yellowfin tuna                         | 2.05   | 2.50     | 1.64                     |
| Albacore                               | 1.36   | 1.34     | 1.83                     |
| Skipjack tuna                          | 1.11   | 0.75     | 1.21                     |
| Imports                                | 2.87   | NA       | NA                       |
| Total tunas                            | 2.00   | 2.82     | 1.62                     |



Table 10.--Hawaii's fresh-frozen pelagic seafood imports in 1988,  
as compiled by the NMFS Market News.

| Common name                            | Pelagic imports (in pounds) |           |           |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------|
|  | Round                       | Fillet    | Total     |
| Pelagic management unit species (PMUS) |                             |           |           |
| Mahimahi                               | 8,963                       | 2,618,728 | 2,627,691 |
| Shark                                  | 351                         |           | 351       |
| Swordfish                              | 1,290                       |           | 1,290     |
| Wahoo                                  | 520,899                     |           | 520,899   |
| Total PMUS                             | 531,503                     | 2,618,728 | 3,150,231 |
| Tunas                                  |                             |           |           |
| Bonito                                 | 10,404                      |           | 10,404    |
| Albacore                               | 1,373                       |           | 1,373     |
| Bigeye tuna                            | 159,971                     | 15,000    | 174,971   |
| Bluefin tuna                           | 353                         |           | 353       |
| Skipjack tuna                          | 217,735                     | 72,023    | 289,758   |
| Yellowfin tuna                         | 555,962                     | 125,940   | 681,901   |
| Other                                  | 2,298                       |           | 2,298     |
| Total tunas                            | 948,096                     | 212,962   | 1,161,058 |

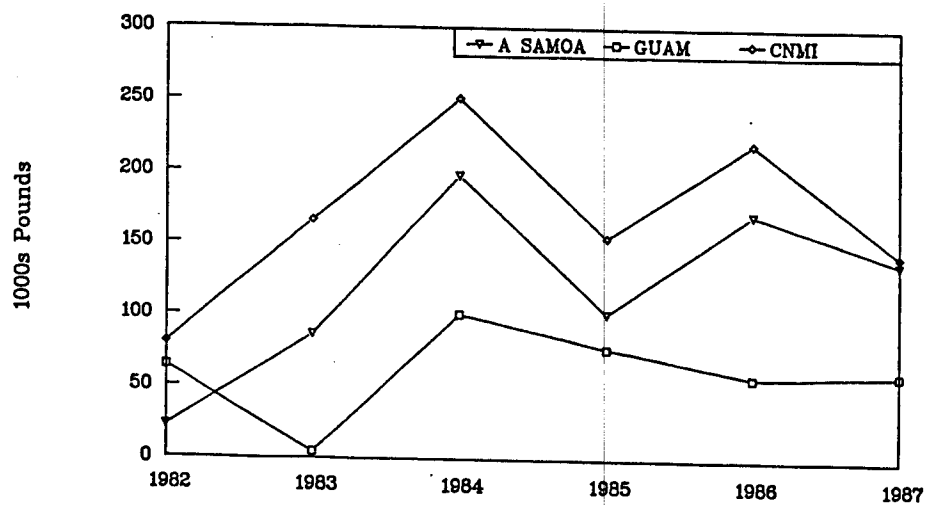
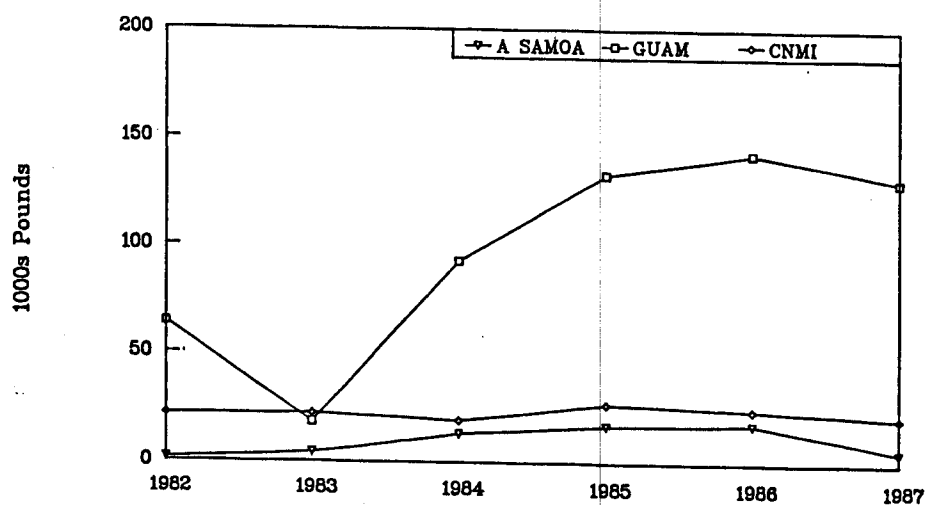
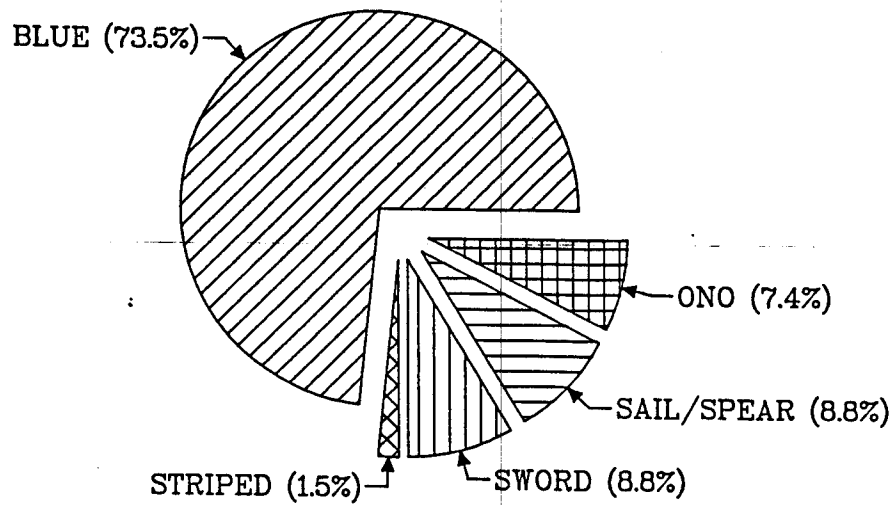


Figure 1.--Trends in 1982-87 commercial landings: (A) pelagic management unit species and (B) tunas in American Samoa, Guam, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (from Hamm and Quach 1989).

6.7% of Total  
(Excludes tunas & other)



| Percent of Total Landings |     |     |     |     |
|---------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 5.0%                      | .1% | .6% | .5% | .5% |

Figure 2.--Species composition of pelagic management unit species (percentage of PMUS and of total catch) in 1987, landed by the foreign longline fleet in American Samoa.

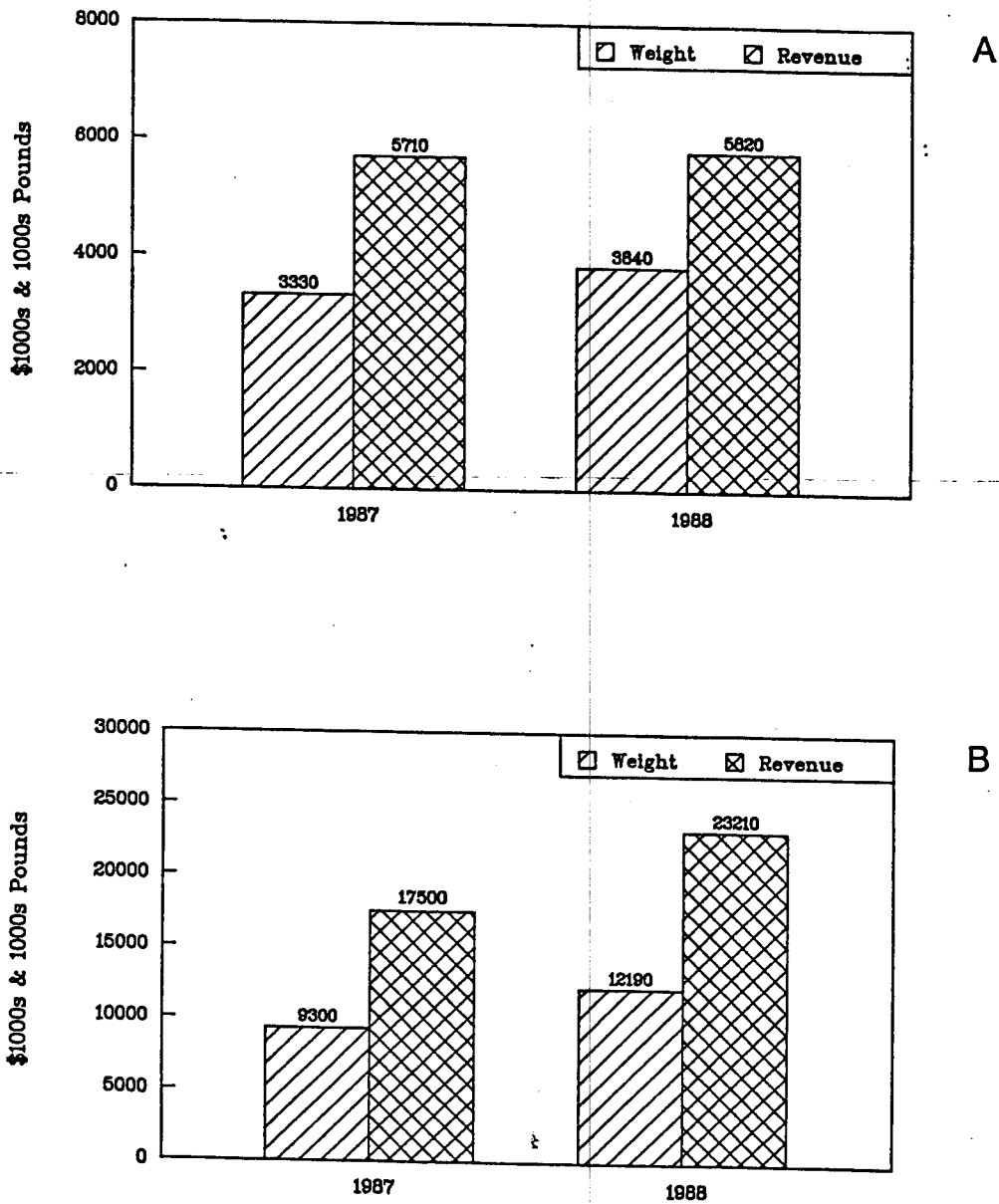


Figure 3.--Weight (in 1,000 pounds) and revenue (in US\$1,000) of (A) pelagic management unit species and (B) tunas landed in Hawaii, 1987-88. (Data from shoreside monitoring.)

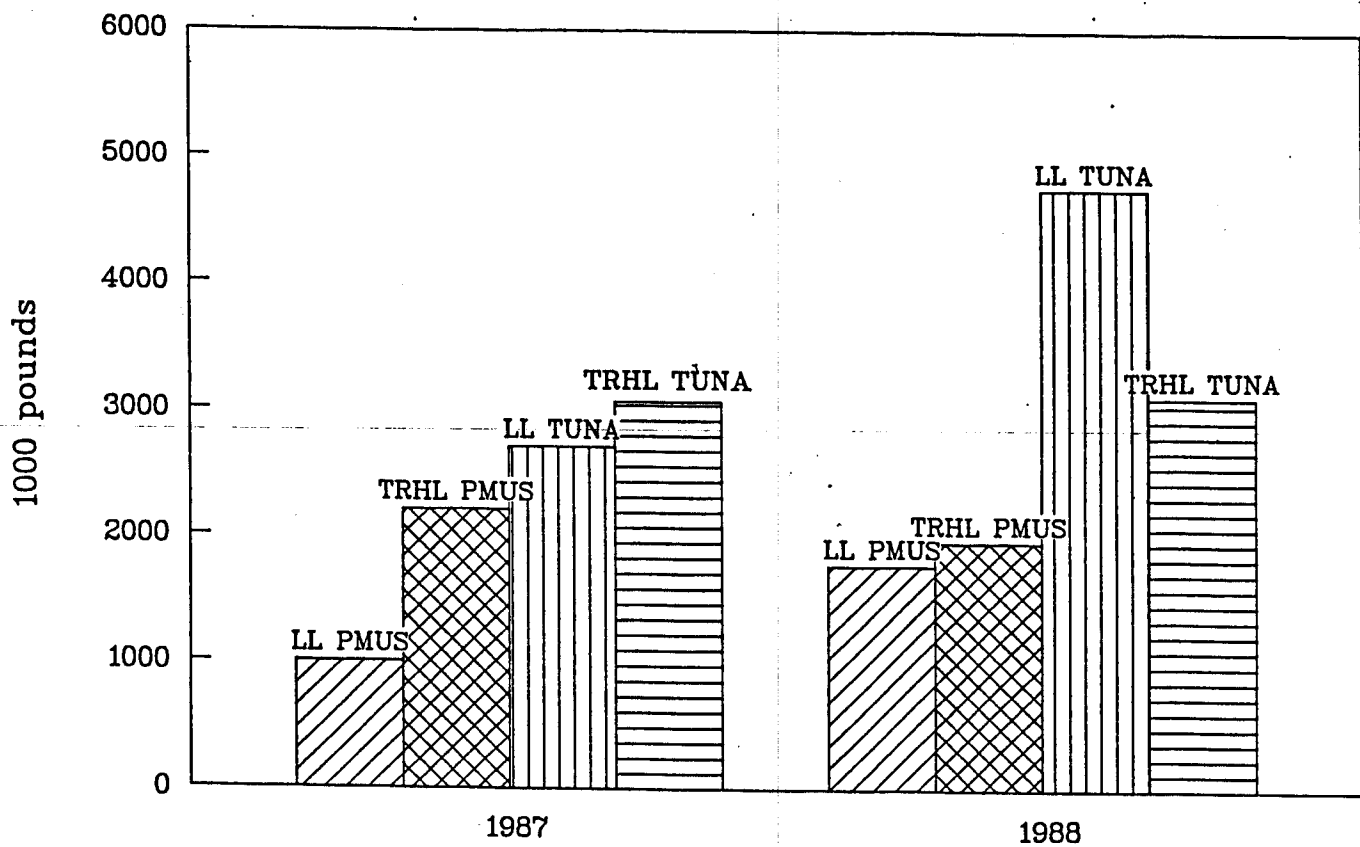


Figure 4.--Hawaii's pelagic landings by gear type, 1987-88 (excluding aku boats and Northwestern Hawaiian Islands) (LL = longline; TRHL = troll and handline).

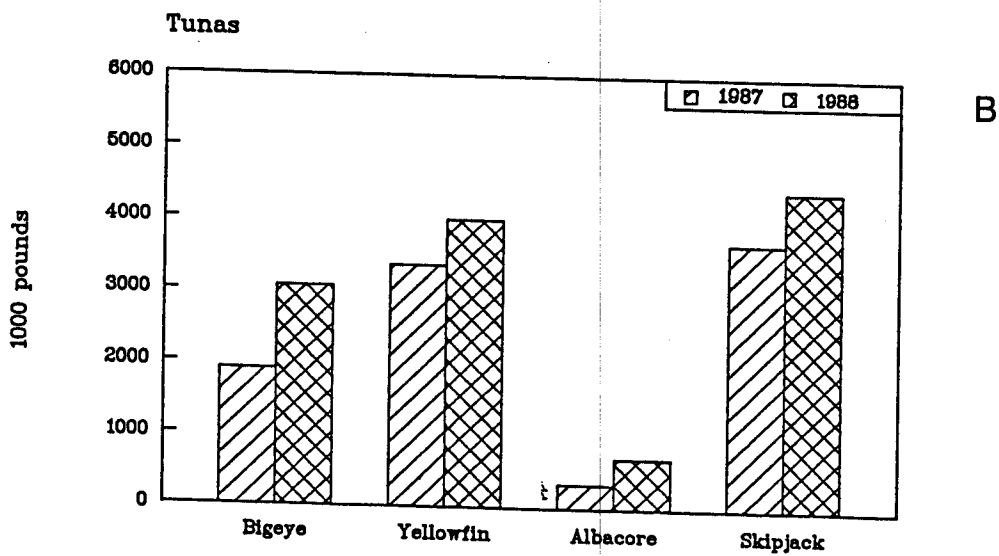
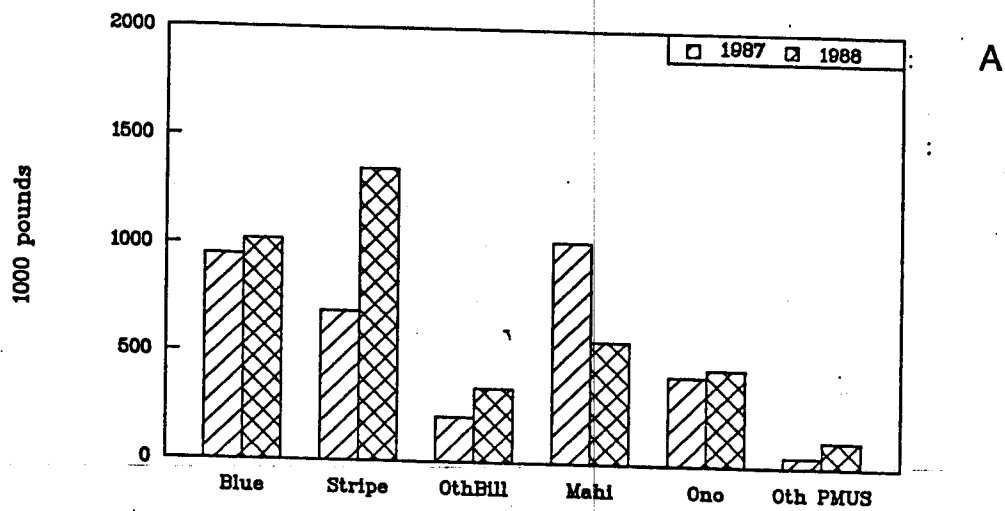


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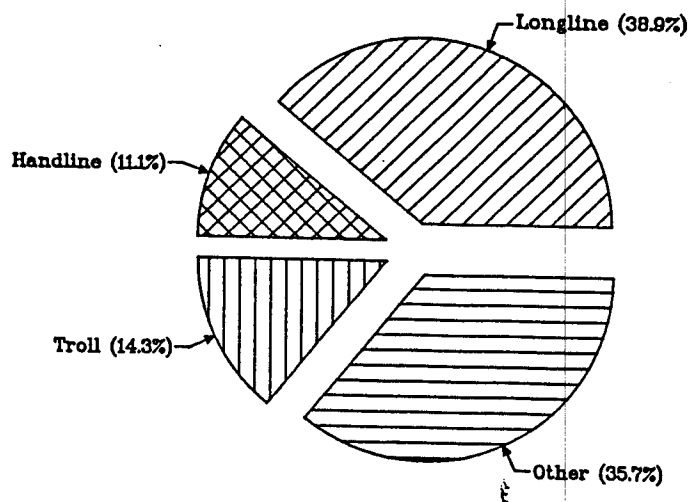
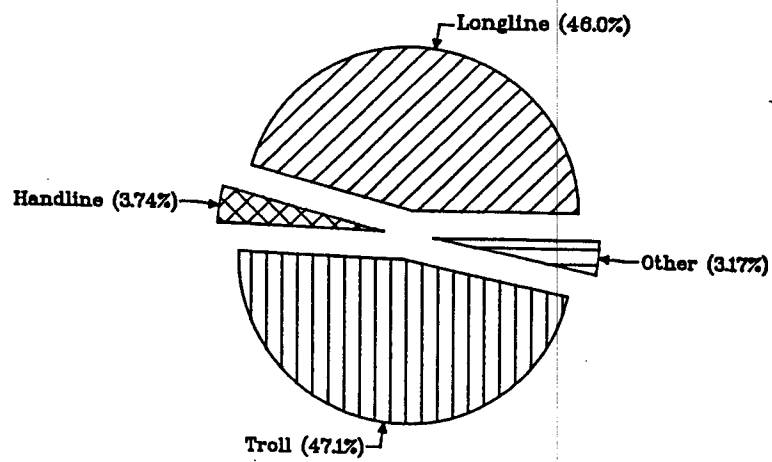
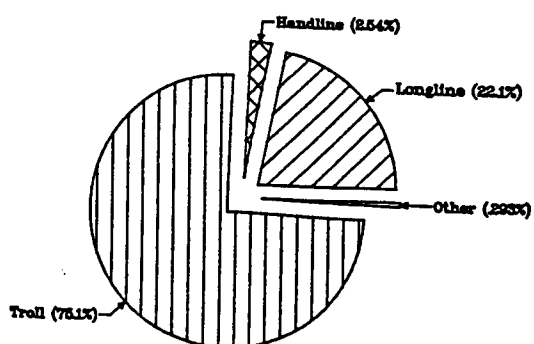


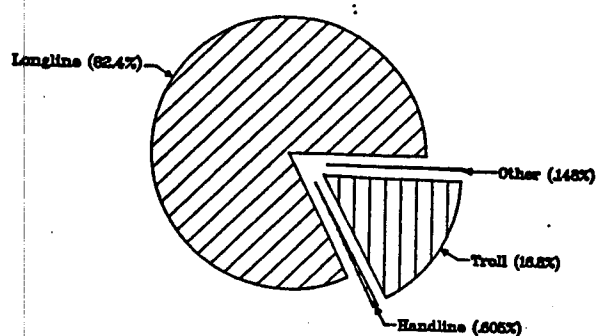
Figure 6.--Hawaii's pelagic gear shares in 1988: (A) pelagic management unit species, (B) tunas.

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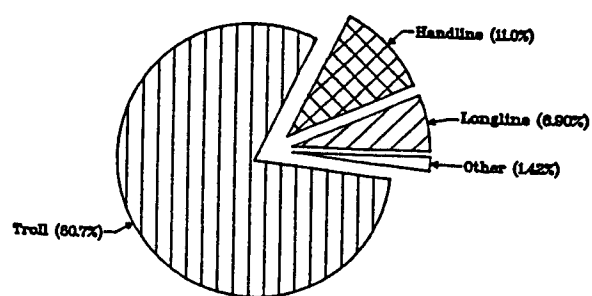
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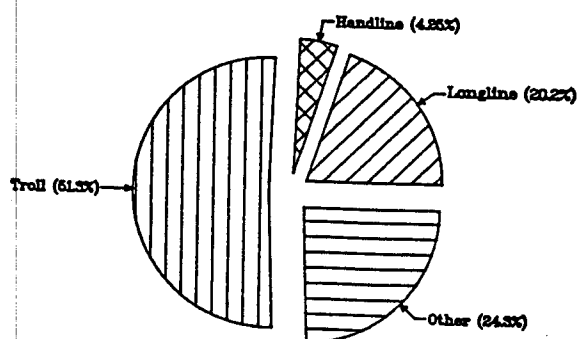
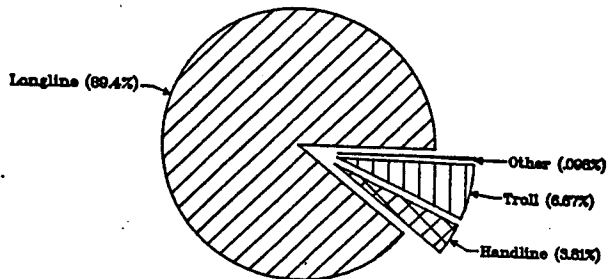


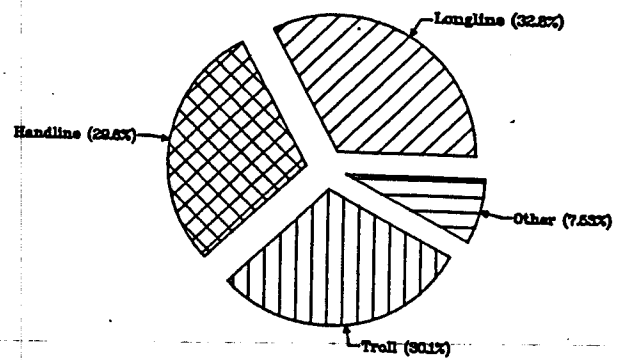
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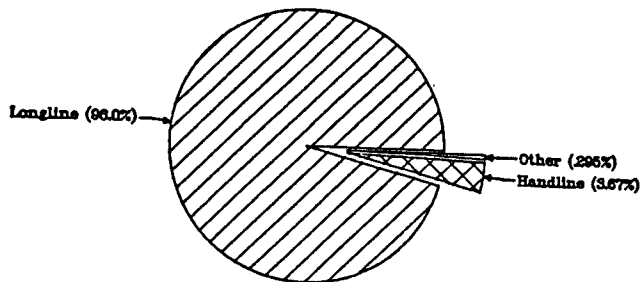
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Albacore tuna, 1988



Skipjack tuna, 1988

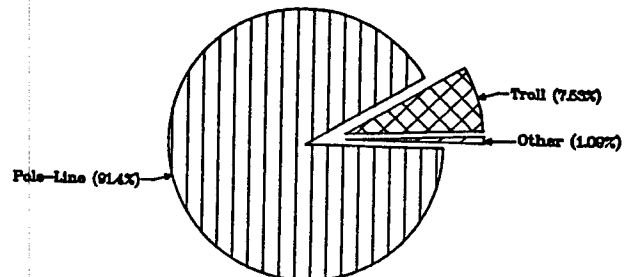


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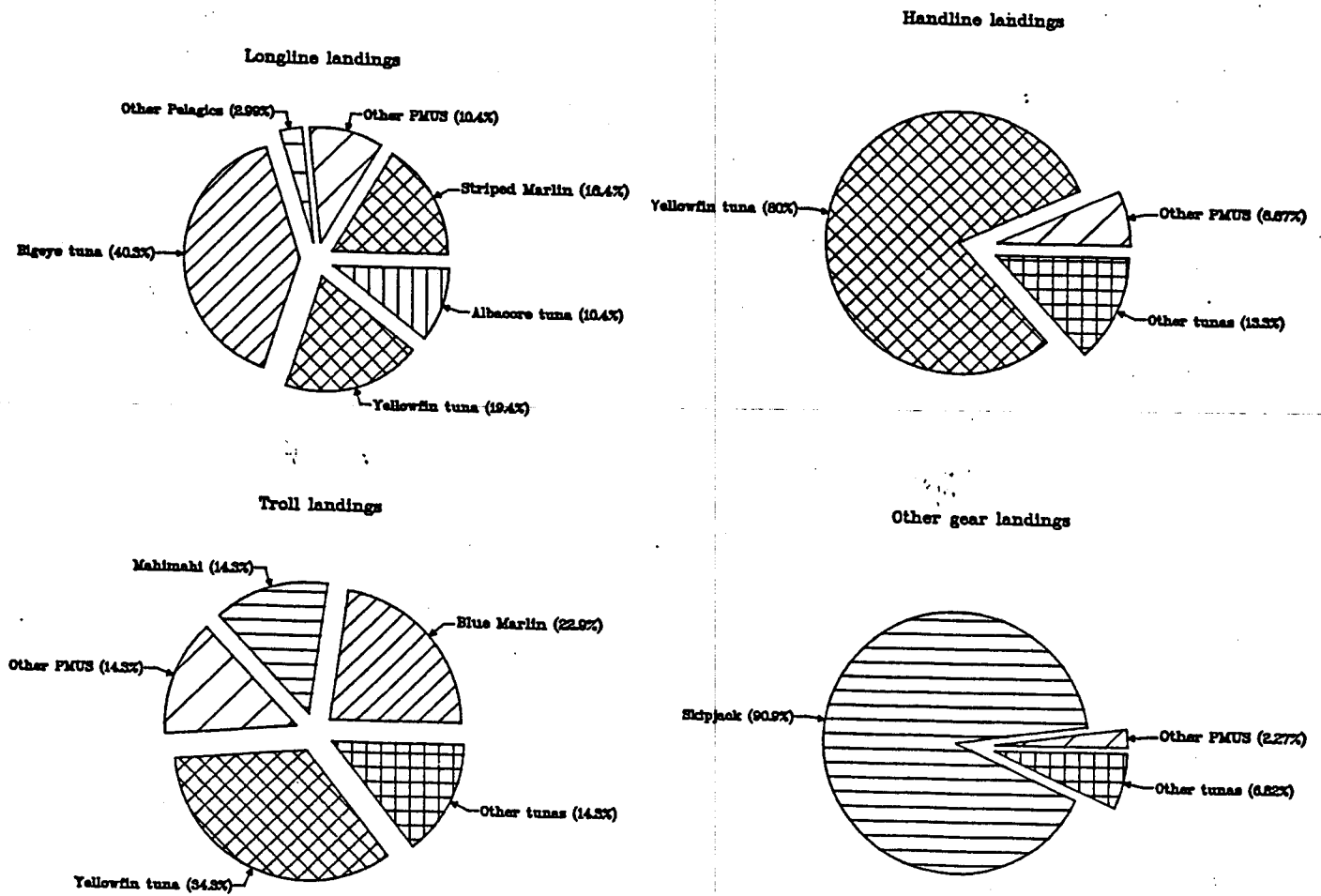


Figure 7.--Hawaii's gear shares in 1988 of primary pelagic species groups.

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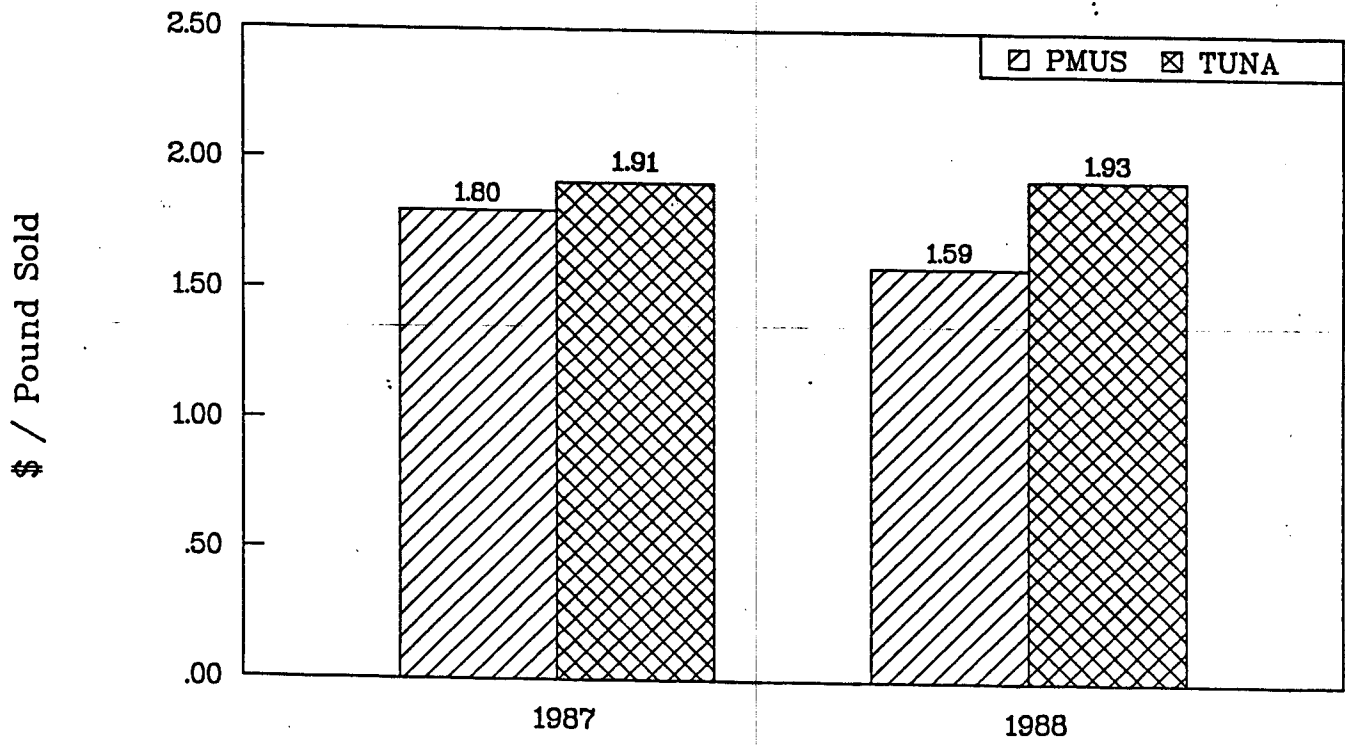


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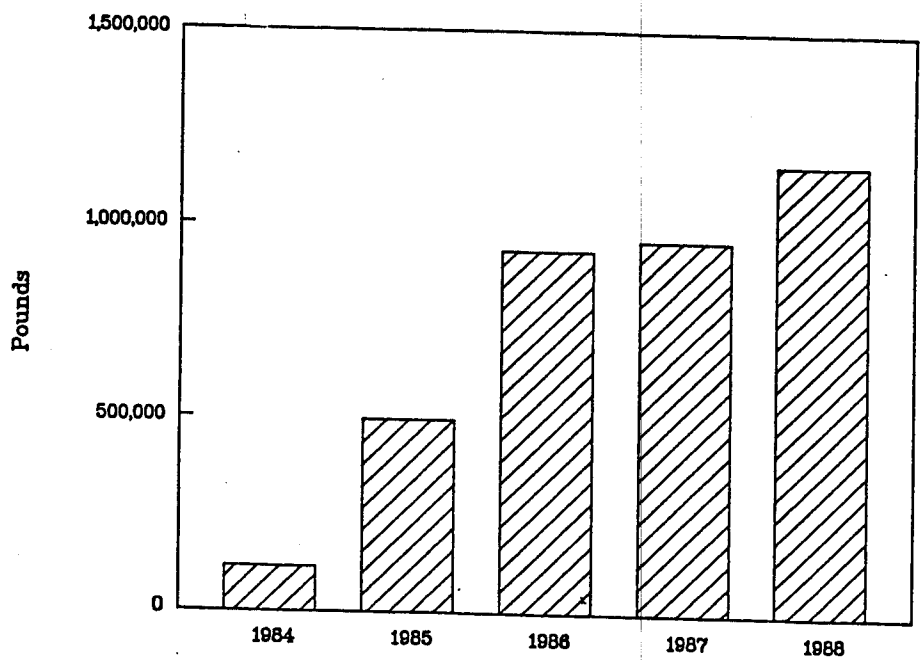
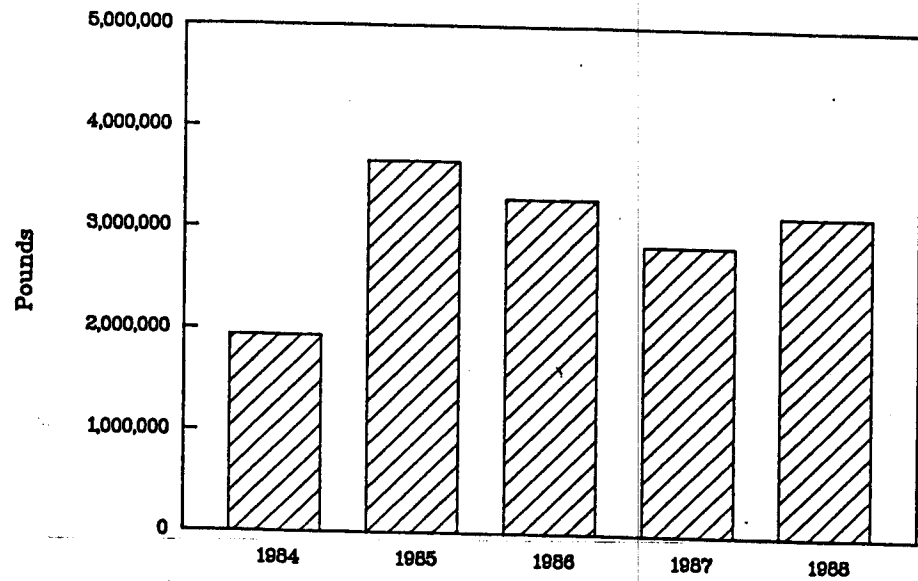


Figure 9.--Hawaii's imports (includes fillets and processed) in 1984-88: (A) pelagic management unit species and (B) tunas.